

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION**

CHARLES NEUBAUER,

Petitioner,

v.

JENNIFER SACHSE,

Respondent.

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Case No. 4:16-CV-00767-NAB

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on Petitioner Charles Neubauer's ("Petitioner") *pro se* motion for return of documents, (Doc. 28), in which he asks the Court to return "everything that was sent to the court" in support of his recently denied petition for writ of habeas corpus. (Doc. 26). Petitioner's motion will be denied.

According to this Court's Administrative Procedures, *pro se* litigants are required to submit all documents for filing in paper format, and the Clerk's Office "will convert all *pro se* documents into electronic format for filing, and will retain the paper documents in chronological order." ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR CASE MANAGEMENT/ELECTRONIC CASE FILING (CM/ECF) at p. 15. Therefore, the Court will not return the original paper documents to Petitioner.

The Court does not provide free copies of documents on behalf of persons granted in forma pauperis status. If Petitioner wishes to receive additional copies, he must prepay for them at the rate of fifty cents (\$.50) per page. To assist Petitioner, the Clerk of Court will be directed to send him a copy of the docket sheet so that he may determine which, if any, documents he wishes to have copied.

In his motion, Petitioner also seeks legal advice, asking the Court to “instruct” him regarding how to pursue further appeals in state or federal court. However, the Court cannot provide legal advice to Petitioner on this or other matters.

Finally, Petitioner further requests that he be provided with a new blank form petition for writ of habeas corpus. The Court will direct the Clerk of Court to mail a copy of the form to Petitioner.

Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Petitioner’s motion to return documents (Doc. 28) is **DENIED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk of Court shall provide Petitioner with a copy of the docket sheet from this case.

**IT IS FINALLY ORDERED** that the Clerk of Court shall provide Petitioner with a blank petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254.

Dated this 5th day of August, 2019.

  
NANNETTE A. BAKER  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE